

# Help Make Better Laws for Animals



## We Can All Be a Voice for Animals!

When it comes to our laws, the rights of animals often get forgotten. That is because animals do not have the same language as humans do and we forget to listen to their needs. It is our responsibility to help our leaders hear the animals' voices! Writing a letter, using social media, or sending an email is one of the most powerful things you can do for our animal friends.



### What does *Constituent* mean?

A *constituent* is a member of a community or group.

YOU are a constituent! We are all constituents in the communities that we live in. When writing a letter, it is important to tell your representatives that you are one of their constituents because it is their job to listen to the people in their communities.

## Make Your Voice Count!

The best way to be heard is to speak up! Here are a few things to remember when writing a letter to your representatives:



**Identify yourself** – tell them that you are a constituent and an animal lover!

**Keep them short** - no more than one page. Let them know what the issue is, why it is important, and how they can support it.

**Stay focused** - don't make a long list of issues to support in one letter.

**Be polite** - no one wants to listen to someone who is being rude.

**Be patient** – change won't happen overnight but the more you speak up, the more people will listen.

It doesn't matter if it's a Senator, Legislator, Congressmen, or the President of the United States – you can help sway a vote!

# TEMPLATE:

## Letter to Lawmakers



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Tell them  
who you are!

I am a constituent and an animal lover. I am writing to you because...

Tell them that animals  
are important to you  
and be clear about  
what you are asking

What?

Why?

How?

Thank you for your time.

Don't forget to be polite!

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_

